

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 14-18, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A vegetation cutting apparatus for connection to an all-terrain vehicle, the apparatus comprising:

a frame for mounting to the all-terrain vehicle, the frame comprising:

a first frame member comprising a single stanchion for connecting to the all-terrain vehicle;

a second frame member attached to the first frame member, the second frame member extending forward relative to the all-terrain vehicle;

a shear comprising:

a first shear blade member having a proximal end and distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end; and

a second shear blade member having a proximal end and a distal end, with a blade located adjacent the distal end, the second shear blade member being movable relative to the first shear blade member to cut an object placed between the respective blades of the first and second shear blade members;

wherein the first blade member and the second blade member are pivotally connected to the second frame member about a common pivot point; and

wherein the first blade member is connected to a means for actuating by a first linking member, the first linking member being pivotally fastened to the proximate end of the first blade member and pivotally connected to the means for actuating; and wherein the second blade member is connected to

the means for actuating by a second linking member, the second linking member being pivotally fastened to the proximate end of the second blade member and pivotally connected to the means for actuating.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the means for actuating comprises:
a first hydraulic cylinder having a first end attached to the first linking member and the second linking member, and a second end attached to the second frame member; and,
a hydraulic system connected to the first hydraulic cylinder.

5. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the hydraulic system comprises:
a power source separate than that which powers the all-terrain vehicle;
a hydraulic pump connected to the power source; and,
a control system for controlling the hydraulic system.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control system comprises a control valve to actuate the first hydraulic cylinder, wherein the control system is mounted proximal to a seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

7. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the first frame member and second frame member are connected by a supporting member.

8. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the supporting member comprises a second hydraulic cylinder having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the proximal end of the second hydraulic cylinder attaches to the first frame member and the distal end of the second hydraulic cylinder attaches to the second frame member, and wherein the second hydraulic cylinder connects to the hydraulic system.

9.(Canceled)

10.(Canceled)

11.(Canceled)

12.(Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first frame member pivotally connects to the second frame member.

13.(Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first frame member is attached to a front grill of the all-terrain vehicle with a first linking brace and a second linking brace, the first linking brace and second linking brace each having a proximal and distal end, wherein the proximal end of the first linking brace is fastened to the first frame member and the distal end of the first linking brace is fastened to the front grill, and wherein the proximal end of the second linking brace is fastened to the first frame member and the distal end of the second linking brace is fastened to the front grill.

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